830. [*Transferred to the 23rd November*, 1987].

Requirement and Allotment of Foodgrains to Karnataka

831. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the rice requirements for distribution through the public distribution system in Karnataka per year for the last two years;

(b) what is the quantity of rice, sugar and wheat allotted to the State during the year 1986-87; and

(c) whether the State Government had requested the Central Government to supply more rice, sugar and wheat to the State, and if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The requirement of rice as intimated by the Government of Karnataka during the years 1985-86 and 1986-87 was 5.90 and 7.20 lakh tonnes, respectively.

(b) The allotment of rice, sugar and wheat for public distribution system to Karnataka during the year 1986-87 was as under:—

	Lakh tonnes
Rice	6 10
Sugar	2 04
Wheat	3 00

(c) *Rice*: In responce to the requests received from the State Government, the allotment of rice to Karnataka has been raised to 60,000 tonnes per month from June, 1987.

Sugar: The State Government had requested for increase in the monthly allocation of levy sugar However, monthly levy sugar quota is allotted to States/Union Territories on the basis of a uniform norm of 425 grammes per capita availability for the projected populati[illegible] 1-10-1[illegible]

Wheat: The demand of the State in respect of wheat for public distribution system is being met in full.

Scarcity of Milk and Milk Products

832. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the acute shortage of milk and milk products like butter and ghee in the country and especially in Delhi still persists, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government propose to import milk powder and butter oil to ease the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) There has been fall in the availability of milk and milk products during the last few months due to wide-spread drought conditions. However there are indications that the situation is improving now.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Modernisation of Fertilizer Plants

833. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernise the Public sector fertilizer plants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) There are proposals for the modernisation of the following public sector fertilizer plants:

1. *Hindustan Fertilizers Ltd.*

   Revamping of the operating units of Durgapur, Barauni and Namrup.

2. *Madras Fertilizers Ltd.*

   Revamping/replacement of some old plants.

3. *Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Ltd.*